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SETTING UP OF AIDS COUNSELLING CENTRES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of running AIDS Centres offering free testing, counselling and treatment for AIDS patients, State-wise;

(b) whether the NACO has proposed for setting up of 4,9000 integrated Counselling and Testing Centres in the country;

(c) if so, the number of AIDS Counselling Centres proposed to be set up in the country, State-wise including that of Andhra Pradesh;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any special attention is paid by ICTs on the high-prevalence States; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT.PANABAKALAKSHMI)

(a): 4132 counselling and testing centres and 126 ART centres are offering free testing, counselling and treatment. The state-wise number of centres is given in the enclosed statement.

(b)to(d): 4955 counselling and testing centres will be established by providing additional contractual staff during the next five year period under NACP III. The state-wise number of centres proposed to be established as per the annual action plan 2007-08 is given in the enclosed statement. In addition, existing infrastructure and manpower in the public health facilities will be utilised wherever feasible by training in counselling and laboratory techniques.

(e)to(f): Priority has been accorded for establishing integrated counselling and testing centres in the high prevalence states which have 2715 such centres out of a total of 4132 centres. Additional funding has been mobilised through the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria for this purpose.